

# A Jewish Rap at 'Managed News'

## Both U. S. and Red Policies Attacked

Delegates to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations continued their national general assembly here today on a note of increasing criticism of American foreign policy.

That note was sounded last night by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the UAHC, in a keynote talk to 3000 lay and rabbinic delegates to the 48th General Biennial Assembly at Masonic Auditorium.

The spiritual leader of 664 Reform Jewish temple congregations referred to U.S. handling of the U-2 episode, the CIA's activities in Singapore and "our intervention" in the Dominican Republic.

"AS A RELIGIOUS Jewish community, can we still our conscience and muffle our voice?" he asked.

"Our morally sensitized and perceptive young folk are growing up and they are troubled by a conscience that makes it spiritually uncomfortable to be physically comfortable while their country—which possesses the power and know-how to save the world from destruction—seems driven, unintentionally though it may be, to hasten it."

In the ecumenical spirit, observers from both Catholic and Protestant denominations of Christian churches have been attending the UAHC and Temple Sisters conferences by invitation.

RABBI Eisendrath also declared that the foreign press presents a more objective picture of U.S. foreign policy "than does our own press."

"How can we teach our children the virtue of truth when, in the publications of other nations, in the press of our very neighbors across our northern and southern borders, they read so much that contravenes the 'managed news' they are fed at home," he said.

But the leader of reformed Judaism also criticized Peking and Hanoi for their failure to respond to President Johnson's offer to negotiate and the peace overtures made by other countries.

"WE MUST demand an end to the wave of Neo-McCarthyism which is stretching its tentacles onto the TV screen, into the universities, and affecting high precincts of American leadership and that we dare not allow the legitimate criticism of our present foreign policy to be branded as subversive and treasonable, the ready target for trigger-happy, character assassinating witch hunters," Rabbi Eisendrath said.

He also challenged the Reform Jewish leaders to translate into action the convention theme, "A Faith For Our Time." He called for:

- A committee on Proselytes to openly seek members into the fold of Reform Judaism for the first time since the fourth century among the "unsynagogued and unchurched."
- A forthright stand by American Reform Judaism to demand an end to the "second class status" accorded Reform or Conservative Rabbis in the State of Israel.



RABBI MAURICE N. EISENDRATH

"Can we still our conscience, muffle our voice?"

—Examiner photo by Bob Bryant

- An intensified educational campaign by the Reform member temples of the UAHC in cooperation with other local and national Jewish agencies to continue the arousal of national public opinion to help alleviate anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

- The raising of standards in the religious schools of Reform congregations, which should include the extension of school hours, increased

expansion of adult education. Delegates to both the UAHC and the 25th Biennial Assembly of the National Association of Temple Sisterhoods met in the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins hotels today for a series of forums and workshop sessions.

Both assemblies continue meeting here through Thursday.